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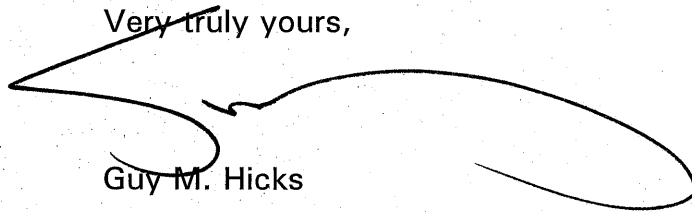
The Honorable Sara Kyle, Chairman  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

Re: *CLEC Coalition Petition to Suspend Tariff and to Convene a Contested  
Case Proceeding*  
Docket No. 02-01073

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed please find the original and fourteen copies of BellSouth's responses to the Staff's September 27, 2002 Data Requests in the above-referenced matter.

Very truly yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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Enclosure

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**REQUEST:** Identify all existing customers that qualify under the usage requirements set forth in this tariff.

**RESPONSE:** The Switched Access Pricing Flexibility Service (SWA) tariff is available to all customers who meet the minimum usage requirements. Currently, we believe that AT&T, WorldCom, Sprint, and Qwest, would qualify for the SWA Pricing Flexibility tariff.

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**REQUEST:** Describe the method(s) by which BellSouth plans to notify the customer identified in (1) above. Identify customers that have already been notified of this proposed tariff.

**RESPONSE:** BellSouth has notified its customers, as it does on all filings, through its posting of the tariff filing on its website.

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**REQUEST:** Discuss the rationale for limiting the discounts provided under this tariff to those customers that have been BellSouth customers for the previous eighteen (18) months.

**RESPONSE:** Eighteen (18) months was established during negotiations with those IXCs interested in SWA Pricing Flexibility.

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**REQUEST:** Can a carrier with an existing interconnection agreement opt into the rates provided under this tariff assuming the carrier meets the specified criteria?

**RESPONSE:** No. This plan is offered to Interexchange Carriers who purchase SWA service from the Tennessee intrastate SWA tariff.

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**REQUEST:** Discuss the impact, if any, that this filing will have on BellSouth's revenue headroom under its price regulation plan.

**RESPONSE:** SWA Pricing Flexibility is a new service and will not impact existing headroom.

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**REQUEST:** Since this is a generic tariff filing, discuss the rationale for requiring a customer to sign a Letter of Agreement (LOA) instead of placing the terms of the LOA in the tariff.

**RESPONSE:** The Letter of Agreement allows the customer to select its preferred term. It also identifies the customer's specific minimum usage from which future discounts would be provided, as well as customer specific Customer Identification Codes (CICs) and Customer Access Customer Name Abbreviations (ACNAs) to be included within the plan.